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SUBJ: NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE

SUMMARY: NPT PROVIDES FOR NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IN MARCH 1975. IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN GET OUT OF IT? IF NOT, WHO BOOKS SPACE, PREPARES AGENDA, ISSUES INVITATIONS, CHAIRS MEETING?

1. NPT ARTICLE VIII PARA 3 PROVIDES THAT " FIVE YEARS AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS TREATY, A CONFERENCE OF PARTIES TO THE TREATY SHALL BE HELD IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, IN ORDER TO REVIEW OPERATION OF THIS TREATY WITH A VIEW TO ASSURING THAT THE PURPOSES OF PREAMBLE AND PROVISIONS OF TREATY ARE BEING REALIZED." ARTICLE DOES NOT SPECIFY WHO SHOULD CALL, SPONSOR OR ORGANIZE THE REVIEW CONFERENCE.

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2. SINCE NPT ENTERED INTO FORCE MARCH 5, 1970, REVIEW CONFERENCE PRESUMABLY WILL BE HELD AROUND MARCH 1975. SINCE VIENNA CONFERENCE FACILITIES ARE BOOKED TWO YEARS IN ADVANCE. WE ASSUME SAME IS TRUE IN GENEVA; AND SINCE UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF MAJOR CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD IN OR CONSIDERED FOR GENEVA ( SALT, CCD, CSCE IN ADDITION TO NORMAL UN MEETINGS), IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT FIXING A DATE AND RESERVING SPACE.

3. HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER FIRST WHETHER CONFERENCE IS UNAVOIDABLE. INTERESTINGLY, SOVIET AMBASSADOR ARKADIEV, WHEN REMINDED OF REVIEW CONFERENCE BY BRITISH REP HERE, GROANED AND SAID " DO WE HAVE TO HAVE ONE?" FROM OUR LOCAL VIEWPOINT, WE HAVE MUCH THE SAME REACTION. WE ARE UNABLE TO THINK OF MUCH OF ANYTHING USEFUL CONFERENCE MIGHT ACCOMPLISH, AND SEVERAL PIECES OF MISCHIEF IT MIGHT INDULGE IN, E. G., PRESSURING IAEA TO PUT GREATER BURDEN OF SAFEGUARDS COSTS ON STATES WITH LARGEST NUMBER OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES UNDER SAFEGUARDS.

4. ADMITTEDLY, NO ONE WILL BE EAGER TAKE LEAD IN PRO-POSING TO FORGET CONFERENCE, IGNORING EXPLICIT TERMS OF TREATY. SEVERAL COUNTRIES WILL DOUBTLESS INSIST ON CONFERENCE AS OPPORTUNITY HOLD US AND USSR TO ACCOUNT FOR PROGRESS ON EFFECTIVE MEASURES RELATING TO CESSATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, AND TREATY ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, AS PLEDGED IN ARTICLE VI. CONFERENCE WOULD ALSO HAVE SOME UTILITY IN FOCUSING ATTENTION ON NPT AND THOSE COUNTRIES NOT YET PARTIES.

5. IF CONFERENCE MUST BE HELD, NEXT QUESTION IS WHO HOLDS IT. WHO ISSUES INVITATIONS, PREPARES AGENDA, SUPPLIES INTERPRETERS, PUBLISHES DOCUMENTATION? SWISS GOVERNMENT? UN? IAEA? THREE DEPOSITARY POWERS ( US, UK, USSR)? WHO ASKS THE CHOSEN SPONSOR TO ASSUME SPONSORSHIP - SHOULD A UNGA RESOLUTION CALL ON THE THREE POWERS TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS, OR SHOULD THE THREE POWERS BY IDENTICAL NOTES CALL ON THE UN TO BEGIN THEM? SINCE SOVIETS HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT GIVE DEPOSITARY POWERS AND IAEA LARGE ROLE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLEMENTATION OF NPT, OUR GUESS IS THEY WOULD PREFER

THAT AN INTERNATIONAL BODY ( EITHER UN ITSELF OR  
EVEN POSSIBLY IAEA) HANDLE PREPARATIONS, AND THAT  
DEPOSITARY POWERS CALL ON IT TO DO SO, EITHER BY  
NOTES OR BY CO- SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION. WHETHER  
THEY WOULD PREFER UNSYG, IAEA DG, OR ROTATING  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE POWERS TO CHAIR CONFERENCE  
WE DO NOT KNOW.

6. RECOMMEND ARLY ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO THESE  
QUESTIONS, IF NOT ALREADY UNDER CONSIDERATION.  
MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ADVISED OF  
PROGRESS. PORTER

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